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TAGS: SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, EVENING, JAN. 22

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WIRES:

1. UPI (DANILOFF): KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV REACHED "COMPLETE AGREEMENT" ON ONE MAJOR ISSUE (PROBABLY HEAVY MISSILES) AND MADE PROGRESS ON OTHERS BUT DID NOT AGREE ON ANGOLA OR ACHIEVE HOPED FOR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON SALT, ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIAL. SAME OFFICIAL SAID BREZHNEV HAD PRESENTED "IDEAS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST" ON BACKFIRE AND CRUISE WHICH WILL NOW GO TO FORD AND NSC. THE OFFICIAL DISCLOSED THAT CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA NOW NUMBER OVER 10,000 (VERSUS 8,000 STATE DEPT. ESTIMATE MONDAY) WHILE SOUTH AFRICANS MAY SOON WITHDRAW.

"KISSINGER'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MOSCOW MAKE IT MORE LIKELY THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT U.S. LATER IN YEAR BUT NOT COMPLETELY CERTAIN, THE OFFICIAL SAID."

GROMYKO AND KISSINGER WILL MEET FRIDAY MORN,NG REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS ANGOLA, LEBANON AND ME. KISSINGER WILL RAISE AGAIN ISSUE OF 250 SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS.

2. REUTER (NELSON): AMERICAN OFFICIALS REPORT "VERY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" AFTER FINAL KISSINGER-BREZHNEV MEETING, THOUGH KISSINGER WAS "UNABLE TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM GOAL OF AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE." ONE ISSUE, BELIEVED TO BE HEAVY MISSILES, IS SOLVED WHILE OTHER ISSUES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON. HEAVY MISSILE AGREEMENT CLOSES BOTHERSOME LOOPHOLE. U.S. OFFICIAL SAID SOVIETS WOULD NOW EXPECT NEW RESPONSES FROM U.S., PERHAPS THROUGH KISSINGER-DOBRYNIN OR KISSINGER-GROMYKO CONTACTS. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MOSCOW TALKS HAD BROUGHT THE SIDES CLOSER THAN BEFORE AND TODAY HAD INCLUDED MBFR AND ANGOLA.

3. AP (SCHWEID): AFTER RECAPPING MORNING AP REPORT, BARRY IN THIS EVENING'S ITEM SAYS U.S. CLAIMS "CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF PROGRESS" BUT ACKNOWLEDGES THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. PARTS OF BACKFIRE AND CRUISE WERE RESOLVED, OTHER PARTS REMAIN ON TABLE.

A RETURN TO MOSCOW THIS WEEKEND IS NOW RULED OUT.

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1. ABC EVENING NEWS (2ND ITEM IN PROGRAM):

HOWARD K. SMITH: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH RUSSIAN LEADERS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. UNITED STATES OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTED SOME PROGRESS; BUT SOME SIGNS ARE THAT PROGRESS IS AT BEST SLIGHT AND THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE IS IN TROUBLE. WE HAVE REPORTS FROM BARRIE DUNSMORE IN MOSCOW AND ABC'S CORRESPONDENT TED KOPPEL CONCLUDES HIS SERIES OF DETENTE WITH AN ANALYSIS OF KISSINGER'S CHANCES OF KEEPING DETENTE AFLOAT. (KOPPEL PART 3 SENT SEPT 1).

DUNSMORE: KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TRIP HAS NOT ACHIEVED THE PURPOSE IT WAS WIDELY ASSUMED TO HAVE; NAMELY, TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY. AFTER FIVE HOURS OF TALKS BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND KISSINGER THE TWO SIDES HAVE FAILED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN THE AREA THAT CAUSED THE SALT DEADLOCK IN THE FIRST PLACE -- THE COUNTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE U.S. CRUISE MISSILE AND THE RUSSIAN BACKFIRE BOMBER.

A U.S. OFFICIAL WHO TOOK PART IN THE TALKS SAID THAT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON SOME ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM. BUT THE LATEST RUSSIAN PROPOSAL WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BACK TO WASHINGTON BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISIONS CAN BE MADE. THIS FACT IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT KISSINGER'S LATITUDE ON THIS TRIP WAS MUCH LESS THAN ON PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS; FOR THE FIRST TIME THE PENTAGON'S TOP SALT MAN WAS PART

OF THE U.S. DELEGATION -- APPARENTLY IN ANTICIPATION OF CRITICISM THAT KISSINGER WOULD NOT BE TOUGH ENOUGH.

AND ANOTHER FACTOR IN THE FAILURE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT MAY BE THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE SOVIETS WILL DO IN ANGOLA IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BEFORE MAKING A FINAL COMMITMENT TO A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT.

2. NBC EVENING NEWS (2ND ITEM IN PROGRAM):

CHANCELLOR: IN MOSCOW AFTER TWO DAYS OF TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV ON FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON NUCLEAR ARMS, THERE WAS PROGRESS TODAY. KISSINGER REPORTEDLY DID NOT REACH ALL OF HIS OBJECTIVES, BUT HE SAID HE HAS MADE ENOUGH PROGRESS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON -- THAT WAS ON ARMS LIMITATION. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON THE SOVIET-AMERICAN CONFRONTATION IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER WILL STAY IN MOSCOW TOMORROW FOR TALKS ON NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HERE'S A REPORT FROM OUR MAN WHO'S TRAVELLING WITH KISSINGER:

VALERIANI: BEHIND THE WALLS OF THE KREMLIN, MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO, THE HIGHEST POLICY-MAKING BODY IN THE SOVIET UNION, MET TO REVISE THE RUSSIAN NEGOTIATING POSITION. BREZHNEV PRESENTED THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL TO KISSINGER'S DELIGHT, BUT THEY FELL SHORT OF RESOLVING ALL THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE ARMS CONTROL PROBLEM. SO KISSINGER WILL LEAVE HERE TOMORROW WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HE HAD HOPED FOR, ALTHOUGH AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

FILMING TODAY WAS RESTRICTED TO A SOCIAL OCCASION -- A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY KISSINGER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO.

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JUST BEFORE LUNCH, KISSINGER FORESHADOWED THE FAILURE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT DURING THIS MISSION.

KISSINGER: WE WILL DO WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. BUT I THINK SO FAR THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUS WITH BOTH SIDES MAKING RESPONSIBLE PROPOSALS AND NARROWING THE GAP. I THINK WE ARE ON A COURSE IN WHICH WE CAN TAKE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO WASHINGTON AND SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE.

3. CBS EVENING NEWS (LATE IN PROGRAM):

CRONKITE: OFFICIALS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN MOSCOW REPORT THAT VERY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, BUT NO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IS EXPECTED BEFORE KISSINGER LEAVES TOMORROW, APPARENTLY, AS BERNARD KALB REPORTS:

KALB: A KREMLIN SHROUDED IN A SNOWY HAZE WAS THE SCENE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. TONIGHT, A U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN REGISTERED, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE BREAKTHROUGH ON THE DEADLOCK. THESE DISCLOSURES WERE FORESHADOWED EARLIER AT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHERE KISSINGER WAS ASKED WHETHER THE TALKS WOULD END IN SUCCESS OR FAILURE:

KISSINGER: THEY'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS; THE QUESTION IS HOW MUCH MORE CAN BE MADE WHILE I AM HERE. SOME PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.

KALB: REGARDING KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH THE RUSSIANS, THE U.S. OFFICIAL TOLD NEWSMEN THAT COMPLETE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON ONE ISSUE, HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC, AND THAT SOME, BUT NOT COMPLETE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON TWO OTHER ISSUES: PRESUMABLY, THE AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE AND THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER. HE REJECTED ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE TALK HAD FAILED, CLAIMING THAT WE ARE CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT NOW THAN BEFORE THE MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS.

CRONKITE: WHENEVER AGREEMENT COMES OUT OF THE U.S.-SOVIET TALKS, ITS SUCCESS WILL DEPEND IN SOME MEASURE ON MUTUAL TRUST, BUT AS RICHARD RALPH REPORTS FROM MOSCOW, THAT ELEMENT APPEARS TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY AT THIS TIME:

RALPH: (INAUDIBLE) ARE CONTAINED IN A MOSCOW INFORMATION KIT PREPARED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE AND DISTRIBUTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER. INSIDE, ALONG WITH A STREET MAP AND A SHOPPING GUIDE, IS A NINE-POINT CHECK-LIST TITLED: SECURITY REMINDERS.

THE REMINDERS ARE THE KIND THAT MOST FOREIGN RESIDENTS HERE TAKE FOR GRANTED; WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THAT THE LANGUAGE IS ANYTHING BUT SUBTLE. NUMBER 1 SAYS "ALL TELEPHONES ARE MONITORED BY THE SOVIETS."

NUMBER 2 SAYS YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT ALL ROOMS HAVE ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING EQUIPMENT. IT DOESN'T SAY WHERE THE BUGS ARE HIDDEN, AND THE ONLY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WE COULD FIND IN THE WALLS WERE THE SPEAKERS THAT BROADCAST MOSCOW RADIO 24 HOURS A DAY.

ANOTHER REMINDER IS THAT ALL LUGGAGE WILL BE SEARCHED, AND THAT THE TRASH AND WASTEBASKETS WILL BE EXAMINED. THE MAID DIDN'T WARN US ABOUT THAT, AND IF READING ALL THAT TRASH INVOLVES A LOT OF WORK, SHE DIDN'T COMPLAIN, PERHAPS

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BECAUSE FOREIGNERS LEAVE BIG TIPS.

ANOTHER WARNING IS THAT ALL DRIVERS UNDERSTAND ENGLISH AND WILL FILE REPORTS ON ALL CONVERSATIONS THEY OVERHEAR.

QUESTIONER: DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

DRIVER: NO, NO. NYET.

QUESTIONER: NONE AT ALL?

DRIVER: NO.

CLEARLY, THE DRIVERS WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO BOAST ABOUT THEIR LANGUAGE ABILITIES. OF COURSE EVERYONE EXPECTS A LITTLE MELODRAMA, BUT WHAT THE CHECK LIST DID NOT POINT OUT THAT EVEN IF YOU STAY CLOSE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, YOU CAN FEEL COSY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SOMEONE IS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU. THE AMERICANS INSTALLED CAMERAS OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, IN WHAT WAS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK.

END EVENING REPORT.

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